

Below is a list of some of the Free Radio stations that have not been heard during February.

RADIO CONFUSION
RADIO GEMINI
RADIO FREEDOM INT
FALCON RADIO
LIVE WIRE RADIO
RADIO GALAXY
RADIO TINA INT
RADIO EAST COAST HOLLAND

RADIO CONFUSION plan to return sometime in March, but nothing concrete has been decided at the moment.

RADIO TINA INT has now closed down due to the Broadcasting Bill and the raid on sister station RADIO PAMELA which took place on 21st October, 1990.

LIVE WIRE RADIO will return in the near future.

PROPAGATION report

During the months November, 1990 to January, 1991 the SW conditions have been mainly stable. This therefore means that signals have been suffering less from heavy fading. Sunspot counts over the past couple of months have been from 125 - 186 the latter recorded on 4th December. The earth's geomagnetic force has been less intense of late which is linked to good shortwave conditions. The following six weeks or so should continue with this pattern and around mid - March it will be very favourable for night-time tests on 6 and 7 MHz. The sunspot numbers in March will be around 120 and good is the rating given.

The above was taken from the 'RADIO FILE' programme which is aired every fourth Sunday on 'BRITAIN RADIO INTERNATIONAL.' Anybody who would like to receive propagation information on a weekly basis can get in touch with 'BRI' for more details.

Free Dx...

is a Free Radio publication issued every week containing logs of shortwave stations. Further details from our address.

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Another month has disappeared and after quite a slow start to February on the Free Radio scene, 48 metres seems to be livening up once again and it was interesting on February 10th to hear 'ROCKET 48,' the station heard for the first time on 26th December, 1990. Everybody thought back then that the broadcast would be a one off and the station never heard again so it was good to see the station return.

February has also been the month of the return of 'WONDERFUL FREE RADIO LONDON' with a bi-monthly schedule and it has also been the month that 'WEST AND NORTH KENT RADIO' have begun a once a week schedule. Despite the Broadcasting Bill, it seems that shortwave is continuing as near to normal as possible. We hope as usual that the Free Radio information within will provide a comprehensive and interesting guide to the latest happenings.

CHAT

INSIDE = ALL OF THE USUAL FEATURES INCLUDING STEVE MIDNIGHT COLUM, ANDY WALKER COLUM, WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO HISTORY + MORE.

Steve Midnight

FROM RADIO CONFUSION

Something that's already happened in '91 (and will happen again), is the changing of station names because the operators presume this will mislead certain people!!! I honestly don't think it'll make much difference though!!! But one thing I can say in its favour is that by changing your ID it does create a freshness to the SW scene, which can't be bad!!!

I WAS going to write, "Next time I write in these pages, the chances are that the night-time activity will have started," unquote. Well, I've been pre-empted as last night I heard on 6320 kHz 'RADIO STELLA INTERNATIONAL!!!' However, my statement is still mostly true. For those who are unaware, the spring and summer months are great for late night broadcasts (during the winter months conditions are not so favourable so not many stations appear). The night scene on SW is really a new development which began in 1989 and happened again in 1990. So then, you might as well be prepared for some "Late night magic" in the next six months or so and you should discover that just a telescopic antenna will bring the stations in.

Now a mention for 'RADIO NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL,' the former US offshore station who've found a safe haven by using 'WCR' in Nashville to relay them. Honestly 'RNYI' is a great station spreading "Free Radio" with 100 kilowatts of power. However, you'll need some stamina to keep up with them. They are on 7520 kHz Monday mornings from 0200-0600!!! If only 'RADIO CAROLINE' had half of the enthusiasm that 'RNYI' do have, Europe could've had a good advert for Free Radio, but alas it wasn't to be.

SW Free Radio has been plodding on towards the spring and today (17th February) I spent a lot of time listening to the 'BIG O' - 'RADIO ORION,' who've made it to their 5th anniversary. I must say I've always liked their attitude to it all and Mike Wilson can often leave me in fits of laughter!!! Unless I misheard him, he referred to the IBA dj's today as "Heaps of dung!!!" I couldn't have put it better myself!!!

That's almost your lot for this month, except to say that I hope to return to SW soon myself soon. I won't tell you too much because I don't really know what I'll be doing!!!

FPM News

LIST OF LONDON PIRATES RAIDED CONTINUED FROM 'ANDY WALKER.'

SUPREME RADIO	90.50	raided on	13.1.91
UKRL	104.35	raided on	13.1.91/28.1.91
RADIO FREE LONDON	100.45	raided on	13.1.91
CHILLING RADIO	89.05	raided on	17.1.91
RFL	100.4	raided on	10.1.91/20.1.91
RADIO GALAXY	102.9	raided on	20.1.91
WLJB RADIO	92.35	raided on	22.1.91
SOCA RADIO	101.2	raided on	22.1.91
LWR	94.30	raided on	24.1.91
SLR	99.60	raided on	28.1.91
FREEDOM FM	101.0	raided on	28.1.91
STATION FM	101.65	raided on	31.1.91

Below the logs are continued for particular British areas:

WEST YORKSHIRE (LEEDS)

100.20 ROCK FM
100.50 ALL ASIA RADIO (*1800-0200)
101.00 ATNA AVAZ (*24 hours a day)
103.20 SUNRISE RADIO
105.20 RAPID RADIO tel: (0860) 840744
105.70 WYBC

DERBYSHIRE

99.20 POWER 99 Sunday afternoon-midnight. ADD = 10 Burton Road, Derby, DE6 6EE, England.
100.70 NORTH MILANDS RADIO - Sunday 1930-2230

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

WEST YORKSHIRE (BRADFORD)

94.60 ASIAN AIR
101.10 EMERGENCY FM (* tel: 0836 799386)
104.90 PARADISE CITY RADIO (*)
105.50 ASIAN PARADISE RADIO (*)

98.40 HEATWAVE COMMUNITY RADIO
101.30 ROBIN HOOD RADIO ADD = 145 Trent Boulevard, West Bridgeford, Nham, England
101.70 RAVE FM
105.70 CENTRE RADIO

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

100.00 ASIAN LINK RADIO (*tel: 0860 765070)
101.40 SHEFFIELD COMMUNITY RADIO tel: (0831) 298520
101.40 RADIO BRITANNIA
102.00 DIAMOND FM
105.10 REBEL RADIO

BIRMINGHAM RAIDS!!!

SANGAM RADIO 89.95 raided on Feb 4th at 1945.
POWER FM 101.8 raided on Feb 4th at 1815.
POWER FM 101.8 raided on Feb 8th at 1030. LASER FM 92.0 raided on Feb 9th.
PCRL 103.5 raided on Feb 4th at 2015. FOR 102.1 raided on 25.1.91.

* = stereo Many thanks to Ronald McGill and Sid Morris for their help in compiling the above.

WMR

PART SIX

From the stormy propagation conditions of the early summer in 1989 'WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO' soon found themselves into July. The antenna for 15 MHz was put back in position after gales in May that had brought it down and it was in July that on 15043 a programme was aired. The one that had actually been recorded for Easter. Starting just three days later, letters began pouring in some of which were from the U.S.A. Some were received from Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Washington and California. A week on from that broadcast on the date of 23rd July another tape was aired and played throughout the night. On 6th August yet another Worldwide transmission was made this time resulting in a report from Australia!!! More tests were made on 13th and 20th August and these together created an amazing thirteen letters from Australia and New Zealand combined. The broadcast of 20th August was a marathon. It being the day of the illegal boarding of 'RADIO CAROLINE,' 'WMR' signed on at 2205 on 6235 with 100 watts to give all of the latest information. When closing, a QSO to discuss the situation was held by 'WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO' with 'RADIO CONFUSION, VOICE OF THE NETHERLANDS, PIRATE FREAKS BROADCASTING SERVICE and RADIO PACMAN.' The QSO finished at 0030 when a switch to 15043 kHz was made. Sign off from this frequency was at 0830 and then a relay of 'RADIO TITANIC' on 6240 kHz was made and on 6210 kHz a news report was given.

All of and the already published five parts makes up the story of 'WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO.' The station is still going strong with major broadcasts taking place at Christmas times. Also, 'WMR' can often be heard QSOing on 48 metres.

Reception reports for the station have been received from: Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales, Eire, France, Switzerland, Holland, FRG, DDR, Austria, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Algeria, USA, Canada, India, Australia, New Zealand and Ecuador.

'WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO' can be contacted through: 23 South Beechwood, EDINBURGH, EH12 5YR, SCOTLAND.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TIMES ARE BRITISH. SW NEWS

'RADIO ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL' have been noted once of late and this was on Saturday 9th February on 6555 kHz at 1550.

'BRITAIN RADIO INTERNATIONAL' have run their regular twice monthly schedule throughout February with broadcasts on the 10th and 24th. Both of these have been on 6225 kHz which is not the usual happening. On the second Sunday the change was due to 'PASSION RADIO' being near to the usual 6232 kHz and the latter could have been because 'RADIO MERCURY' was using 6230. The 10th Feb broadcast told of a listeners Top 40 being aired at Easter and also a possible Free Radio convention in the Midlands. On the 24th the station signed on one hour late and therefore did not close until 1500. ADD= 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 3NG, ENGLAND.

'RADIO CARRIERWAVE' have been fairly active recently and have been monitored on 10th and the 17th of Feb at three different times. On the 10th, 6312 kHz was used for a broadcast at 1230. The latter date saw the station on 6290 kHz just before the sign on of 'RADIO ORION' with a very poor signal which would have been an inconvenience to the 'BIG O' and the Dutch operation came back again at about 1120 this time on 6285 and again at 1330 to partake in a QSO with 'RADIO DECCA, RADIO MIKE and the SUPER STATION.' This QSO was held on 6300 kHz. ADD=BOX 2188, 3000 CD Rotterdam, HOLLAND.

'RADIO DECCA' is a station heard for the first time on 17th February with an amazing signal. The modulation was also very good. At sign on for the first time at around 1340 the QSO mentioned above, the power used was 20 watts and this was later changed to 50-60 watts. The transmitter used was home built and the station operator who comes from the south is called Dave. The aerial used is a longwire.

'RADIO DELTA (ELBURG)' were heard on 10th February at 1355 using the frequency of 6205 kHz. ADD=BOX 41, 8080 AA, ELBURG, HOLLAND.

'RADIO EUROPE' has been relayed via 'JOLLY ROGER RADIO' in February on the dates of 17th and 24th. This has happened on 6229 kHz and strangely the signals on the relays have been better than usual. The idea with Irish 'JRR' is that 'RADIO EUROPE' go via Ireland and 'JRR' on 7295 via Italy. ADD=Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, ITALY.

'RADIO 49' is back. The station closed down several years ago and returned on 10th February with an excellent signal on 6299 kHz at 1100. Programming included the kind of music that is not usually heard on local stations and also the 'RADIO 49' story was told. A short test from the station was tried on Wednesday 6th using the same frequency and about 10 minutes of a Pirate Andy programme. Another test was also heard on 18th February at 1405. ADD=BOX 1280, Rednal, Birmingham, B45 8SQ, ENGLAND.

'RADIO GLORIA INTERNATIONAL' have been heard with a rare actual transmission which was staged on 10th February using 6315 kHz. A good signal was received and the modulation and speech quality was not as muffled as usual. ADD=23 South Beechwood, Edinburgh, SCOTLAND.

'JOLLY ROGER RADIO' seem to be the most active station at the moment and they have been noted on the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th February. The first date used 6229 and 6209 kHz for parallel programming and country music from the station was aired also on two channels on 10th February which were 6200 and 6308 kHz. On the 17th 'RADIO EUROPE' was relayed on 6229 kHz and although we didn't hear it, 'JRR' was supposed to be on 7295 kHz. The 24th saw the station on 6229 kHz again with the Italian operation until 0954 when a few words were given by 'JRR' manager Joe Vincent. This frequency was then abandoned and 6240 used. Plans for coming weeks include a relay of an American pirate which could possibly be 'RADIO ANIMAL.' If this happened, the same idea of relaying 'JRR' with 'RADIO EUROPE' would be used. 'JOLLY ROGER RADIO'S' two transmitters are of 50 watts (6229) and 12-15 watts (whatever frequency). ADD=BOX 39, Waterford, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.

'KMS RADIO' was noted on a relay via 'RADIO WAVES' on 17th February. This took place on 7440 and 11400 kHz at 0830 and programmes were in German.

'RADIO MARABU' still seem to be relayed via 'RWI' and go out over their own 7484 kHz frequency as this was what happened on 10th February. ADD=BOX 220342, Wuppertal 22, W-5600, Germany.

'RADIO MERCURY' from Germany were noted for the first time in ages on 17th February with a German broadcast on 6231 kHz at 1100. The station was again heard on 24th Feb on the same QRG which as already stated would probably explain the 'BRI' change of channel. The signal was very weak though and was noted at 1030. ADD=BOX 84, 3417 ZH Montfoort, HOLLAND.

'MIDLANDS MUSIC RADIO' have been heard once in February and that was on the 10th using 6208 kHz. The signal was good but we have noticed from that and previous broadcasts that the quality of signal and modulation has deteriorated since the station made its first broadcast on 28th October, 1990. ADD=135 Barks Drive, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, ST6 8EX, ENGLAND.

'RADIO MIKE' is a station heard for the first time in February, but could have been another station under a different name although the operator did announce that his name was Anthony, and this is a name not heard before on shortwave. The station was heard QSOing as already stated with the 'SUPER STATION, RADIO CARRIERWAVE and RADIO DECCA.' The frequency used was 6300 which held a fairly good signal.

'RADIO MIRAGE' is a station that has not been heard since the 28th July, 1990 at least that was up until February 24th when the station was noted with as always excellent signal. The frequency used was 6315 kHz and 'MIRAGE' stayed on for about an hour after the sign on at 1000. ADD=BOX 2778, ELVERHOY, 9001 Tromso, NORWAY.

'RADIO MONA LISA' were heard using 7290 kHz on 17th February at about 0810. Programming was in French and German and the power of the transmitter according to station operator, Henry is about 15 watts, fed into a half wave inverted V antenna. ADD=BOX 11, 7954 ZG Rouveen, HOLLAND.

'NORTHERN IRELAND SHORTWAVE RELAY SERVICE' is apparently running a schedule of Saturdays 0200-0730 and Sundays, 0300 0730. We have only heard the station on one Sunday of February and this was the 17th where an excellent signal was noted. The power is supposed to be 200 watts although at time this is doubted. ADD=14 Sterne Row, Coleraine, County Londonderry, BT52, NORTHERN IRELAND. (Sorry, we printed the wrong address last time)!!!

'RADIO ORANG UTAN' have been noted with the usual outstanding signal in February on the 17th. 6206 kHz provided the always clear channel from the sign on around 0800. ADD=BOX 114, S-Heerenberg, HOLLAND.

'OZONE RADIO INTERNATIONAL' have been noted on each February on 6280 kHz. Although the signal is basically strong it is easily interfered with by 'WNKR' who come on 6275 kHz every Sunday about an hour before 'OZONE.' ADD=32 Victoria Road etc.

'RADIO PAMELA INTERNATIONAL' have closed down due to the court decision when operator Steve Most lost all equipment as reported in last months edition of the magazine.

'PASSION RADIO' was the station that stunned many people on 10th February with an absolutely amazing signal. 6235 kHz provided the channel for a broadcast about four hours in duration. A telephone line was available and received over forty calls including one from the operator of 'RADIO BENELUX.' The station is operated by Pirate Andy of 'PFBS' and although he proved interesting to listen to he annoyed Roger Davis of 'BRI' whose frequency was taken by the huge signal. ADD=BOX 19074, 3501DB Utrecht, HOLLAND.

'RADIO PERFECT' is a station heard for the first time on 17th February on 7440 and 11400 kHz via 'RWI' at about 1000. ADD=Wuppertal 22 etc.

'PIRATE FREAKS BROADCASTING SERVICE' was noted using 15050 kHz on 17th February at 1405 with a possible power of 8 watts. ADD=BOX 19074 etc.

'ROCKET 48' made a welcome return to 48 metres on 6240 kHz on the 10th February as a station making its second broadcast. The signal was good as it was on 26th December and presenters stated they were coming from a garden shed somewhere in south England.

'SOUTHERN MUSIC RADIO' from New Zealand make regular broadcasts via 'RADIO WAVES' and were noted on 3rd February using 11400/7440 kHz with a good signal. Listen out for the station every month with a 'Down under' music format.

'RADIO STELLA INTERNATIONAL' are rumoured to have been broadcasting all through the winter months although we have not heard them. However, that situation was rectified as from 10th February. 6320 kHz is still the frequency used for Jock Wilson's 'STELLA DX' programme which features recordings of the previous weekends Free Radio stations on 41 and 48 mtrs. Sign on is about 0000 and the transmitter based in Ireland plays the programme all night. ADD=23 South Beechwood etc.

'SUPER STATION (SIERRA SIERRA)' has been heard in Feb, on the 3rd and 17th. The former was a QSO call to 'VOTN' using 10-12 watts on 6233 kHz. The latter was a QSO to 'RADIO DECCA' etc already mentioned on 6300 kHz. Signals are always strong.

UK RADIO

PART TWO

Last month, we finished where 'UK RADIO' had closed down at the close of 1979. Although the station had not returned in the last three months of that year, it did give operator Paul Johnson a chance to experiment with his remaining MW transmitter and by the turn of the decade a booster was built, which altered the initial power from 3 to 10 watts. In January of 1980 a new quarter wave longwire aerial was erected meaning that tests could commence and this they did using the frequency of 1332 kHz or 225 metres. In February '80 'UK' re-started programmes using the improved output. Three hours a night was how often the station could then be heard. Paul Johnson and David Jarvis were then the only station members as Doug Neilson refused to re-join and he in April of 1980 deliberately shorted the aerial to the ground. This resulted in the transmitter setting on fire and being irreparable. Doug was kicked out of 'UK' altogether and told never to come back. The station remained silent for the rest of 1980.

Whilst Paul Johnson was at a CB in June '80 he met some of the people who had been involved with 'RADIO FREE BIRMINGHAM' in 1979. As this station had just got raided, the members were invited to join 'UK RADIO' which they had heard of. The set up also worked visa versa with Paul and David becoming members of 'RFB' which in 1982 changed its name to 'COUNTY RADIO.' Unfortunately, this station has not survived to the present day, the reason being that in April of 1986 a fire broke out in the flat where the station's studio was. Firemen put out the fire and they were accompanied by some police officers to see that nobody had been overcome by smoke. It is sad that the police found the equipment along with the Easter programme schedules pinned on the wall and the DTI alerted. 'COUNTY RADIO' has not been heard since.

The early '80's were a busy time for the West Midlands Free Radio scene and stations such as 'SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE, SUNSHINE RADIO, RADIO PHEONIX and WULFRUN SOUND' were heard.

SHORT WAVE News continued!!!

'RADIO SANTANA' were heard with a good signal on 17th February with a QSO which was answered, but 'SANTANA' then disappeared. The frequency used by the station was 6315 kHz. ADD=BOX 46, 7160 AA Neede, HOLLAND.

'VOICE OF THE NETHERLANDS' has been heard on 3rd and 16th of February. The former was on a QSO to 'WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO' using 6238 kHz. The signal was excellent which is not surprising as 250 watts were in use. The 16th (Saturday) involved another QSO, this time using 6206 kHz with the V.F.O. operated rig. This was at 1115. ADD=BOX 669, 7900 AR Hoogeveen, HOLLAND.

'RADIO WAVES INTERNATIONAL' have been monitored every weekend in the past month using 7440 and 11400 kHz for the already mentioned relays. Signals are usually strong. ADD=BP 130, REIL MALMAISON, 92504, CEDEX, FRANCE.

'WONDERFUL FREE RADIO LONDON' made their long waited return to shortwave after ceasing their regular broadcasts in February last year. 6275 kHz is still the frequency where excellent reception was audible on 3rd Feb. The programming included the 'WORLD OF RADIO' programme presented by Adrian Coke and not the intended Keith Archer due to illness. Andy Walker, the station operator was also heard who from 24th Feb has started to present a weekly feast of Free Radio recordings on 'WEST and NORTH KENT RADIO.' ADD=Wuppertal 22 etc.

'WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO' has been noted once of late on the 3rd Feb when a QSO with 'VOTN' was staged. The frequency used by the Scottish operation was 6280 kHz where a good signal was heard. ADD=23 South Beechwood, etc.

'WEST and NORTH KENT RADIO' have now commenced a regular schedule of once a week when 6275 kHz will be used. Sign on is 1000 when very good signals appear. The station was noted on every February Sunday except the 3rd. A telephone line is usually available. ADD=Wuppertal 22 etc.

MEDIUM WAVE News

All we have this month on 'MW' is that 'RADIO BARONESS' were heard with English programmes on 15th February on 1620 kHz. ADD=BOX 73, 7160 AB Neede, HOLLAND.

Andy Walker
FROM WFRL

Well, it's March and 1991 has got off to a slow start with the United Kingdom Free Radio scene. The new Broadcasting Bill has changed the face of FM Free Radio with most stations busted off air just minutes after sign on or stations just disappearing of their own accord. However, it has not changed the shortwave scene to any great extent and I don't think it will. All operators have still got up a station in the usual clandestine fashion with a certain amount of care. The only difference is that of more foreign maildrops and no phone lines. Apart from that, nothing much has changed on SW.

Some of the UK outfits will return slowly when the heat of the new Bill cools down. The cowards that closed at the end of last year will be back, some under new names proving my theory and point that nothing really has changed. The stations that have closed through raids etc did so before the Bill, so closing was their choice. Some came back after heavy fines (full marks)!!! Some have started coming on every week and the operators doing this have got the right attitude which is "We are not standing for this Bill." It's the case of good old "Fight for freedom" stuff.

I for one think that some stations take freedom of speech too far by broadcasting American documentaries about 'CAROLINE.' Sometimes things are said whether true or false. It is said that Ronan is "Furious with the West Midlands Mafia" So are the DTI for the use of 6290 kHz by a 'PIRATE STATION.' Now we know why 'RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL' were raided! Don't we???

I think a lot of people will be interested to know the below information on the London FM situation.

CLASSIC RADIO 94.3 raided on 4th January
LITE RADIO 97.8 raided on 4th January
TWILIGHT RADIO 91.7 raided on 4/13/27th January
POWERJAM RADIO 92.05 raided on 4/6/11/20/27 January
LND RADIO 100.5 raided on 6th January
DIAMOND RADIO 101 raided on 8th January
HARDCORE RADIO 88.75 raided on 13th January

This list is continued on the FM page and it is terrible to learn that all of these raids took place within one month.